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Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on 6/3/03. The submission, however, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because the Hickman Declaration and the newly executed supplemental oath declaration discussed in the response have not been submitted. Applicant's arguments cannot be considered or addressed in the absence of at least the Hickman Declaration. Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period for reply supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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